Frenchand Serbians Gain Five Miles on 12-Mile Front

BULGARS REACH WESTERN FRONT

Regiments Arrive at Maubeuge to Co-Operate With German Troops.

FRENCH CONTINUE GAINS

Haig's Forces Progress in Direction of Le Verquier and

in Flanders. Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—Bulgarian regiments have arrived at Maubeuge to co-operate with the German troops on the western front, according to the

co-operate with the German troops on the western front, according to the Echo Belge.

British Closing In.

London, Sept. 17.—Last night witnessed a further closing in of the British lines northwest of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig in his report to-day announced that the British had made progress in this area in the direction of Le Verguier.

The British also improved their positions slightly yesterday and during the night northwest of Hulluch (between Lens and La Bassee and northeast of Neuvechappelle (Flanders front).

tween Lens and La Bassee and northeast of Neuvechappelle (Flanders
front).

In Region of Leintrey.

Paris, Monday, Sept. 17.—The French
official statement today reads:

"Between the Oise and the Aisne
French forces continued their iprogress
during the night. East of Vauxaillon
we have taken Mont-des-Singes and
captured more than 300 prisoners.

Farther south we have taken Vailly.

"In Lorraine we carried out a number of raids in the region of Leintrey
and captured prisoners."

500 Captives in One Kilometer,
Paris, Monday, Sept. 16.—Tonight's
French official statement follows:

"During the day our troops continued their attacks in the region northeast and east of Sancy. In spite of
the resistance of the Germans, we have
advanced one kilometer on a front of
about four kilometers. Six hundred
prisoners, two cannon and 105 machine
guns were taken.

"Eastern Theater, Sept. 15—This
morning, after violent artillery preparation, French and Serbian troops attacked enemy organizations in the
mountainous region of Dobropolje. The
whole first positions of the enemy over
a front of eleven kilometers were carried in spite of the difficulties of the
ground. A number of prisoners and
pieces of artillery fell into the hands
of the silies. The operation continues
to develop favorably. On other parts
of the front there has been lively artillery activity.

Serbian and French aviators partici-

of the front there has been lively artillery activity.

Serblan and French aviators participated in the battle and efficiently assisted the infantry, combarding the enemy lines of communication.

Within Mile of Hooge.

With the British Army in France, Rept. 17.—(A.P.)—The advance of the British yesterday in Flanders was pressed slong the Ypres-Menin road and carried the British to within a mile of Hooge.

AEROPLANES PENETRATE BEHIND GERMAN LINES

Valuable Information Gathered by Observation Planes Thirty

Miles Behind Lines.

(By Newton C. Parke, I. N. S. Staff
Correspondent.)

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 17.—(2 p.m.)—Two
American observation aeroplanes today
penetrated thirty miles behind the German
lines, gathering valuable information. The
fight was made through a heavy rainstorm.

ruther sight profess at some points.

Rainstorms have been interfering with serial activities. At the same time is was noted that German airmen grew much less active after our men had bombed and shelled their serodromes.

French and Italian bombers did extensive damage to important enemy centers.

YOUNG GIRL SHOT TO DEATH IN JITNEY CAR

Search Being Made for Thomas Brown. Suspected of Murder of Mary Ione Crowder.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 17.—Search is being made in various Virginia cities and towns today for Thomas Brown, of Buena Vista, Va., who is wanted here under suspicion of having murdered Mary Ione Crowder, 16 years old, who was shot while riding in a litney automobile last night, dying shortly after-ward. No motive has been assigned

the killing.

Togeth Crowder, the girl's father for the killing.

Joseph Crowder, the girl's father, said she left home with Brown to attend a moving picture show. Two other occupants of the automobile, John Watts, the owner and driver and Albert H. Lafortune, a passenger who occupied front seats at the time of the shooting, said they heard the shot and at first thought it was the noise of an exploding tire. Lafortune turned and saw that Miss Crowder's dress was burning and sought to extinguish the flames. La Fortune and Watts removed the girl to a physician's office, where she died, her escort disappearing.

BANDITS AMBUSHED COL. THORPE AND TEN MARINES

Brisk Fighting Followed, Ending in Killing of Twenty of Attacking Party.

Washington, Sept. 17. — Dominican bandits ambushed Col. George Cyrus Thorpe and ten men of the United Thorpe and ten men of the United States marine corps at a ford north of Dos Rios Sept. 7. A brief report on the incident reaching marine corps headquarters today said in twenty minutes of brisk fighting twenty bandits were killed and the marines suffered no casualties. Another report told of the killing of three bandits by the Designation National guard of the Domitican National guard, of-decred by marines, in a skirmish near Higuey on Sept. 9. Col. Thorpe's home at Northfield, Minn.

GARDINAL FARLEY IS
THOUGHT TO BE DYING
Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Cardinal
Farley, archhishop of New York, was
much weaker today, Membera of the
prelate's official family gathered at his
bodelde-renorted that he had two sinkfar spele during the night and that there
was virtually no hope of his recovery.

While the great guns roar west of Mets, the Americans are pressing into new positions which are being linked up and strongly fortified as soon as oc-

After the swift advance, which After the swift advance, which began on Thursday, it was necessary for the Americans and French to pause somewhat so that the new lines could be strengthened and guns and supplies could be moved up to the front in preparation for another

Both the British and the French have made a further ad-

French have made a further advance.

East of Ypres (in Belgium) the British line was extended, while the French strode forward again in their outflanking drive on the Chemin-des-Dames.

After a long lul on the central part of the Balkan front there has been a revival of activities between Lake Doiran and the Vardar river. French and Servian troops drove forward in that zone, piercing two lines of Bulgarian trench positions. The Bulgars were evidently taken by surprise, as a large number of guns were captured. This thrust centered astride the railway line which runs northward from Salonica runs northward from Salonica

MURDERS WIFE AND SURRENDERS TO POLICE

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER MAN'S DREADFUL DEED.

Shoots Wife, but Fails to Carry Out Threat to Kill Himself.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Charles E. Chapin, city editor of the New York Evening World, who had been sought since his wife was found dead from a bullet wound in the head in a local ho-tel, surrendered to the police early to-day. Mrs. Chapin was Nellie Beeble, of Chicago.

of Chicago.

Mr. Chapin had been in a highly nervous condition for several months. The tragedy was discovered through a letter to one of his associates on the Evening World. In the letter Mr. Chapin indicated that he was about to take his own life and the life of his wife. He spoke of severe pains in his head and expressed the belief that he was lesing his mind as a result of a nervous breakdown which was gradually becoming worse.

"When you get this letter," he wrote,

"When you get this letter," he wrote "I will be dead,"

"My wife has been such a good pal I cannot leave her alone in the world." The hotel authorities were communicated with. The Chapin apartment was entered and Mrs. Chapin's body was found. A general alarm was sent out for Mr. Chapin charging him with homicide.

homicide.

Mr. Chapin is a grandnephew of the late Russell Sage. He inherited \$25,060 under the Sage will, but started a legal movement to break the will. Mrs. Sage compromised. Mr. Chapin received \$50,000. His salary had amounted to

\$50,000. His salary had amounted to \$20,000 a year for several years.

Mr. Chapin is 67 years old and his wife was a few years younger.

Mr. Chapin was half tottering from weakness when he entered the West Sixty-eighth street police station this morning, although the customary neatness of his apparel indicated that he had not wandered about during the night. He asked for the precinct captain. When told that the captain was asleep, he said with apparent difficulty:

"I am Mr. Chapin, who killed his wife at the Hotel Cumberland."

"I don't remember anything about

wife at the Hotel Cumberland."
"I don't remember anything about the case." Mr. Chapin said to the policeman in whose charge he was placed.
"I had no recollection of having killed my wife until I saw the morning parameters."

my wife until I saw the morning paners. I recall being in Prospect park (Brooklyn) yesterday afternoon and nutting the pistol to my head and firing one shot. Afterward I saw a policeman and left the park. I haven't sleet for four days."

A fully loaded .3s-caliber automatic revolver was then handed to the policeman by Mr. Chapin.

Charles E. Chanin, famous for the skill with which he directed his reporters in the solution of murder mysteries, told in a police station today the story of how he killed his own wife.

Chapin shot her yesterday in their apartment in the Hotel Cumberland, and surrendered himself to the police today after failing to carry out plans to end his own life. Smoking a cigar and continually pressing his hands to his head, he said that he had heen driven to the deed through desperation caused by the demands of his creditors. Approach of a policeman, the editor declared, prevented his suicide in Prospect park, Brooklyn, where he went pect park, Brooklyn, where he after shooting his wife.

ALABAMA AVIATOR SHOOTS DOWN HUN PLANE

His Own Machine Disabled and Falls, but Lieutenant Is Rescued by Americans.

(By Henry G. Wales.)
With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 16.—(I. N. S.)—American
troops, advancing on the front east troops, advancing on the front east of the Meuse river, "escued Lieut. Palmer Gaillard, of Mobile, Ala., an aviator who had been forced by engine trouble to land after he had shot down

Gaillard had gotten lost amidst the wire east of St. Mihiel, which up to last Friday had been "no man's land."

After shooting down the German machine, Gaillard received bullets in machine, Gaillard recieved bullets in the motor of his own airplane, witch put it out of commission. As a result the plane was wrecked when i landed. Gaillard had taken part in the same combat as Lleut. Delive (the latter shooting down three German Fokkers). Delive is a southerner, also, having lived in both Alabam... and Mississippi.

BERLIN REPORTS RETAKING OF FRINGE OF HEIGHTS

Berlin, via London, Sept. 17.—The repulse of partly developed attacks on Haumont and northeast of Thiaucourt

is reported.

(These reported operations were on the American front above the former St. Mihiel salient.)

St. Mihiel salient.)

The artillery duel in the region of Havrincourt, southwest of Cambrai, yesterday increased to great intensity, says the official statement issued today by the German war office.

German troors recaptured the eastern fringe of the heights to the east of Vauxaillen, northeast of Soissons, where the French have gained a footing.

BURNING TOWNS ALONG MOSELLE

Germans Intend Withdrawing Behind Hindenburg Line in Lorraine

IF PRESSED FURTHER

So Indicates Accumulating Ev. idence-Pont-A-Mousson Shelled by Foe.

American Army Headquarters in Lorraine, Monday, Sept. 16.—(Evening.)—(Reuter's.)—Evidence is accumulating that the enemy intends withdrawing behind the Hindenburg line in Lorraine if he is pressed any further. He is burning towns along the Moselle.

Little Infantry Activity.

With the American Army in Lorraine, Monday, Sept. 16.—(7 p.m.)—
Today was the quietest day on this
front since the beginning of the offensive last Thursday. There was little
infantry activity and only moderate
artillery action.

Pont-a-Mousson and Dieulouard four miles to the south, were shelled by the enemy, who mixed in a few mustard gas projectiles with his other shells.

The Germans apparently were dig-ding themselves in behind the Hinden-burg line today.

Entire Division Captured. Prisoners taken report that the entire artillery of the Thirty-first German division was captured in the American operation on this front. The division that was used to bear the brunt of the attack in the lunge in the salient east of St. Mintel it appears was the 15th Augustan division. It was was the 35th Austrian division. It was ordered to maintain a helding action until all the German troops were with-drawn. In consequence of this it suffered very heavy losses, especially in

Get Practical Experience The German prisoners said they had received orders to hold their positions unless strongly attacked. The noncommissioned officers were from an officers' school in the vicinity of Conflans. They said they had been ordered to the front for practical experience.

Pershing's Communique.
Washington, Sept. 17.—Local combats in which enemy prisoners were taken and a further increase in artillery and aviation activity in the St. Mihiel sector are reported in Ge. Pershing's communique for Monday.

Non-Coms Captured. With the American Forces in Lor-raine, Sept. 17.—(3 p. m.)—(A. P.)— An American patrol in a raid made early this morning in the general re-gion of Haument, northwest of Thiau-court, captured five non-commissioned officers and killed seven other non-commissioned officers.

URGED VATICAN TO SUPPORT PEACE MOVE

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN POWER APPEALED TO POPE.

Special Note Forwarded Baron Burian Anent Recent Proposal.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign ministe on Sept. 14, according to a Vienna dis-patch, sent a note to the apostolic nun-cio at Vienna, Monsignor Di Bonso. stating that his government had decided to propose a peace conference and urging the vatican to support it.

In the communication issued by the Austrian foreign office in connection with the note to the belligerents and neutrals regarding the proposed peace conference, it was announced that the step taken by Austria had been brought to the knowledge of the holy see in a special note. It was added that an appeal had beeen made to the pope's interest in peace. The Austrian note to the vatican read as follows:

"After four years of unheard of struggie and gigants sacrifices the battle which has been devastating Europe has not been able to bring about a decision. Animated by a spirit of reconciliation which already has heen expressed in its note of Dec. 12, 1916, the Austro-Hungarian government has decided to approach all beligerent states and invite them to pave the way to a peace which will be honorable for all parties by a confidential and unbinding exchange of thought. "Full of gratitude the Austro-Hun-

garian government hereby remember: that touching appeal which his holi-ress, the pope, sent to all belligerents last year with the exhortation that they seek an understanding and live they seek an understanding and live again in brotherly concord. Firmly convinced that the holy father today also longs that suffering mankind will soon again enjoy the blessings of peace we confidently hope he will sympathize with our note and support it with his moral influence which is recognized all over the world.

"Animated by this thought, I re-quest your excellency to submit the enclosed text of the note to his heli-

NEGRO WOMAN KILLED: **HUSBAND DISAPPEARS**

Millard Simpson Accused of Shooting Wife-Body Found Lying in Pool of Blood.

Lying in Pool of Blood.

With bullet holes in her neck and arm, and with her head showing unmistakable evidence of having been beaten, presumably with the butt of a revolver, the wife of Millard Simpson, colored, was found Tuesday morning lying in a pool of blood. The corpse, which was discovered in a house in Carr street alley, was very bloody. Evidently the bullet that passed entirely through her neck severed the jugular vein. It appeared that she had been killed some time during the night. Her husband was not to be found, but he is accused of committing the crime, and a warrant charging him with murder has been sworn out by a relative of his wife.

At police headquarters and from an-

At police headquarters and from another source it was learned that Simpson has been in police court on several occasions for alleged abuse and mistreatment of his wife. The cause for the killing is not known.

The body of the woman was removed to Wann's undertaking establishment.

DISCOVERED GERMANS HID IN CELLAR



HUNS DISCOVERED IN CELLAR.

This British official photograph shows four of German's typical "fighting men." They were discovered in a cellar of a ruined house by the "Tommy" who is making the capture after the British attacking troops had passed through the village in chase of the fleeing Huns. The men are shown about to leave for the Fear, carrying a comrade who has been wounded. Note the canisters in which the Germans carry their gas masks.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL

Bolsheviki Arranging for New Treaty Designed to Secure German and Austrian Aid.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Desperately struggling to maintain control of at least a part of Russia, the bolshevik government today is reported to be arranging a new treaty with the central powers. This treaty is believed here to be designed to secure German and to be designed to secure German and Austrian help to try and regain con-trol of the territory where the revo-lutionary movement daily is gaining strength. Amsterdam dispatches today ranke plain the position of the German-controlled bolsheviki. Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier, is quoted as

"The position on the Czecho-Slovak front is daily becoming more diger-ous. We are daily becoming increasingly aware that alone we are poweris only one way out, to conclude a defensive and offensive alliance with

The power he means, officials say, naturally is Germany. But it is considered here as very unlikely that Germany can spare any men to amaignment with the Russians. It also is by no means certain that the Russians will follow Louis and Testaluments. will follow Lenine and Trotzky much farther. Confidential information reach-ing this city shows that they are main-

will follow the farther. Confidential information reaching this city shows that they are maintaining a most precarious hold by force. They have slain every leader that they could capture that opposed them. As a result 'he antibolshevik movement is so strong that many diplomats here believe that 'he end of the present regime is in sight.

A Polish army is about to join the Czecho-Slovak forces in Siberia. Harbin advices say that this 'atter army will exceed 100,000 and will be available almost immediately. In addition and competence of the present regime is a well-defined revolutionary in the Hohenzollern dynasty had or would abdicate.

SHELLS DID NOT EXPLODE

W. S. Artillery Officers Say of the present system of the there is a well-defined revolutionary movement in the Ukraine, which is daily becoming more and more formidable. The entire general Russian situation, officials here pelieve, is becoming less and less favorable to the central powers and its will be attack. central powers and it will be utterly impossible to organize the Russians as an Austro-German reserve.

EXPLOSION OCCURS AT POWDER PLANT No Estimate of Damage Nor

Casualties Could Bee Obtained.

AMERICANS AND ALLIED AEROS AID METZ DRIVE

Bombing Raids Extensive-Ob. server on Fated Balloon Parachutes to Safety.

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Monday, Sept. 16.-(A.P.)-American and allled aviators carried out extensive bombing raids on Sayonville, Frescaty, Le Sablon and in be direction of Metz this afternoon. Fires were observed at Sarlons. One of the American planes shot down a German balloon near Preny, Lieut, Duckstein, observer, and Lieut, Richardson, pilot, were attacked by an nemy machine bearing French markings. hTey were forced to land inside the American lines, but were uninjured. An American balloon was shot down yesterday, but the observer es-

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



When a woman wants a favor she just smiles; when she meets a "friend" she hates, "friend" she hates, she also smiles. Its comeals or shows emotion, camous flages, shines devotion, thrills or stills your heart's commotion, covers mystery like the ocean; you can never tell her no-lites.

The weather? Pair and cooler to-

Executions Increase

In Petrograd-812 Persons Sacrificed Past Week-400 on the Proscribed List.

Stockholm, Sept. 17.—(A.P.)—Wholesale executions are increasing in Petrograd, according to private telegrams received here by the way of Helsingfors. During the past week \$12 persons were executed and more than 400 others are on the prescribed list. Most of them have already been made hostages.

All persons of the ranks of councillors of state have been imprisoned regardless of their political views.

VAGUE RUMORS OF KAISER'S ABDICATION

One Report Is That Entire Hohenzollern Dynasty Had or

Would Abdicate. London, Sept. 17.-4:28 p. m.)-I. N. S.)-it was learned here this r ter-noon that rumors are current in bor-der countries that the German Laiser either has abdicated or is about to ab

tained.

Birmingham, Ala. Sept. 17.—With a tremendous explosion which shook the entire city from end to end, the North like it is seventeenth century. Frederick Wilhelm the "great elector" created the Aetna Explosives company, blew up about 12:10 o'clock today.

Windows were ratifed throughout the entire city, and immediately following the explosion hundreds of people in the business section came pouring from stores and offices and began peering upwards and in every direction. First reports were to the effect that hundreds of windows were broken throughout the city.

Communication with the plant is cut off, and no estimate of the damage or probable casualties can be learned at this time. nle. With the addition of Ansnach and Baircuth, it grew to nine million. Napoleon took nearly one-half of the Napoleon took nearly one-half of the country and people away from the Hohenzollern dynasty. Little was left of Prussia to them by 'apoleon, except a small corner in eastern Prussia. After the fall of Napoleon at the hands of the British, Russians and Prussians, the congress of Vienna restored to the Hohenzollern all that had been taken away from them and also added considerable to it.

After the defeat of France by the

Prussians in 1870, the Germa states were united in a confederation of twenty-six states under Wilhelm I., twenty-six states under Wilhelm I., King of Prussia. as German emperor. The kaiser has six sons, Crown Prince Wilhelm, Eitel Friedrich, Adalbert, August Wilhelm, Osk.r and Joachim and one daughter, Victoria. The latter married the Duke of Brunswick of the Guelphs, the Arch Lemy of the Hohenzollern. Crown Prince Wilhelm commands the Fifth German army with the rank of lieutenant-general. He is by more than fifteen years the youngest lieutenant-general in the the youngest lieutenant-general in the

BOLSHEVIK TROOPS FLED IN PANIC BEFORE ALLIES

Petrograd, Saturdav. Sept. 14.—(Via Amsterdam, Sept. 17.) — American, British and French detachments are reported by the Pravda to have met

the bolshevik forces in battle on the Archangel front.

The bolshevik troops, after an initial success, were repuised by British reinforcements and fled in panic.

A number of the bolshevik officers the newspaper says, deserted to the newspaper says, deserted to the

WATCHING FOR NEXT

Where will the fillies strike This was the big question in

the minds of military critics today.

The first offensive was launched on the Marne on July 18, and was followed up by a great thrust on the Picardy and Flanders fronts. Then the French began forging ahead of the battle line between the Picardy plains and the Alsne. The Beiglans delivered a stroke notheast of Ypres and this was followed by the brilliant and victorious drive of the Americans between the Meuse and cans between the Meuse and Moselle rivers. Only the ex-Moselle rivers. Only the ex-treme tips of the battlefront, bordering the North sea and the

3,000 CAPTIVES **BAGGED BY SERBS**

Swiss frontier have been un

touched by active battle during the past months.

Aided by French.

JUGO-SLAVS GIVE SUPPORT

Whole of Sokolridge Taken From Bulgarians-Koziak Reached.

Salonika, Sept. 17.—Launching a great offensive blow on the Balkan front, French and Serbian troops dvanced five miles on a line twelve and one-half miles wide, it was officielly announced today. More than 3,000 prisoners and twen-

ty-four guns were captured.
Allied casualties were quite small.
The French and Serbians rivided each other in tenacity, bravery and

sacrifice.

Aviators gave proof of extraordinary bravery and activity.

The whole of Sokolridge was captured from the Bulgarians.

Jugo-Slav troops, fighting with the allies, reached the important position of Korink.

London, Sept. 17.—Serbian and French troops continued the offensive in Macedonia and have progressed more than five miles, according to a Serbian official statement received here. The advancing allies have oc-cupied an important series of ridges. The allied troops have captured more than 3,000 prisoners and twer'y-four

Their casualties have been slight.
The fullies are moving forward on n front of more than twelve miles and have taken the village of Grad shuttsu, twenty miles east of Monratir. A Jugo-Slav division is fighting with the Serbs and French and has reached Koriak, the most important position in the region of the offensive. Sofia Reports Strugg'e.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 15 via Lon-don.—France-Serbian troope, in an at-tack, on the Bulgarian lines in Mace-

emperor was an English princess, Victoria, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Hohenzollerns trace their ancestry back to Count Thassilo Zollern in Swabia. The ancestral Hohenzollern prossile near the Danube in southern Germany was built by Count Friedrich I, in the year 980. Friedrich VI, was the first Hohenzollern prince to rule In the province of Brandenburg, now a part of Prussia. In 11415 King Sigmund made him Margrave of Brandenburg, and two years later he became elector, that is, he was elected to rule by all the other princes, a form of royal democracy.

In the seventeenth century Freder-In the American Army in France, Sept. 6.—(Correspondence A. P.)—American artillery officers septendence A. P.)—American artillery officers of the German retreat north of the Marue from 50 to 70 explode. One night after the Germans from 50 to 70 explode. One night after the Germans from 50 to 70 explode. One night after the Germans from 50 to 70 explode. One night after the Germans from 50 to 70 explode. One night after the Germans from 50 to 70 exp

to take the usual precautions dampness.

One officer suggested that possibly the Germans had been firing old shells rather than no shells at all, the officers realizing that only a few were exploding, but preferring to keep the big guns pounding away merely in an effort to keep up the morale of the rear guards. The average number of faulty shells generally is from a set of the cent.

German Spy Brought Back From Spain

Aeronautics Bill **Favorably Reported** Washington, Sept. 17.—The senate military committee this afternoon favorably reported Senator New's bill for the establishment of a department of aeronautics. The bill was amended so that the secretary of aeronautics need not have cabinet status. He would, however, be in charge of production and operation of all aircraft for both the army and the navy. The president is given authority in the resolution to transfer bureaue, or parts of bureaus, of already existing departments to the new department of acronautics.

CLAIM COAL MINERS
STRIKE THROUGH MISTAKE
Washington. Sept. 17.—Fuel Administrator Garfield this afternoon declared that the coal miners' strike in the Shamokin. Pa., district would be speedly, settled. The men walked out through a misunderstanding, he said, adding that the action was not suthorized by the union. About 10,000 men are reported to be out.

nautics.

HOUSE REJECTS TO STRIKE OUT AMENDMENT Washington, Sept. 17.—The house this afternoon voted down. 132 to 61, a proposal to strike from the Kitchin \$8,000,000 revenue bill, the provision to tax the income derived from state and municipal bonds.

OPIUM PIPES CAPTURED
IN CHINES HOUSES
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 17.—Opium and pipes
valued at over \$3,000 were captured in a
raid in Chinese houses of Atlanta Saturday nignt, it has just been learned. Regular dives, it is charged, were found at
21 Peters street, the corner of ivy and
Houston streets, and three on North
Pryor street. Several arrests were

AMERICA MAKES REPLY PROMPTLY

Unconditionally Rejects Germany's Peace Feeler. Speaks for Allies.

NO SHADOW OF DOUBT

Position Already Plainly Stated by Wilson Secrecy Most Objectionable Feature.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The United States, as was fully expected, has unconditionally rejected Germany's peace feeler. In doing so the govern-ment has spoken for all the co-bellig-

Almost immediately after receiving the Austrian government's note from the mulater from Sweden, Mr. Eken-gren, Secretary Lansing last night is-sued this formal statement:

Since Launching Big Offensive
Blow on Balkan Front

"I am authorized by the president to
state that the following will be the
reply of this government to the AustroHungarian note proposing an unofficial
conference of beligerents:

"The government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the imperial Austro-Hungarian government. It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the terms upon which the United States would consider peace and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain.

its position and purpose so plain."

Mr. Lansing's statement was given out within half an hour after he had received, the Austrian proposal. It would have been forthcoming almost immediately upon the delivery of the Austrian note had it not been found necessary in order to avoid the possibility of grave error to make a careful comparison between the official text and that which was received in press dispatches last night from Amsterdam.

Thus emphasis was added to the

Thus emphasis was added to the declination, if any were needed; the quickness of the reply indicating the existence of no shadow of doubt in the mind of the administration as to what it should be. As soon as Mr. Lansing's reply can be put in form it will be handed to the Swedish minister for transmission to Austria.

There is some reason to believe that the secretary acted with this unprecedented promptness in a matter of such great importance with the design, not only to indicate clearly the position of the United States government, but or the United States government, but perhaps to anticipate and prevent as far as possible newspaper discussions of the Austrian proposition, which might convey to the enemy a misleading impression that there was any considerable element in the Unit States willing to consider a negotiated peace such as the "nonbinding" discussions proposed by Austria, might develop.

Most Objectionable Phase

proposed by Austria, might develop.

Most Objectionable Phase.

While no reference to it was made in the reply which the United States government is making to Aust. a it is known that one of the most objectionable features of Baron Burian's proposition, was the secrecy suggested for the "nonbinding" conferences. It was realized by officials here that the purpose was to barter away the rights of various nationalities in star-chamber proceedings so that the victims would have no knowledge of their fate until it was beyond recall. This system of barter was particularly denounced by President Wilson in one

garded as an assured fact. There has been some apprehension in administration circles of a combination of great financial interests that know no nationality and fear the destruction of all wealth and business by the spread of boishevik ideas might in some way be behind this movement to bring about a peace and terminate the received. about a peace and terminate the war before it had been tought to a clear

decision. There is no such apprehension on the part of the administration of a cataclysm which will bring down all civilized institutions, and instead the ance that the war is proceeding to a reasonably early and complete victory which will involve the acceptance by the central powers of the only possible terms of peace-namely those laid

the central powers of the only possible terms of peace—namely, those laid down by President Wilson.

Terms Stated by Wilson.

Those terms, referred to in the reply dictated today to the Austrian note, were clearly set forth in President Wilson's Fourth of July speech at Mount Vernon, as follows:

"1. The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world; "r, if it cannot be presently destroyed, at least its reduction to virtual impotence.
"2. The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty "2. The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement, of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned and not need to be acceptance.

acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

"3. The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct toward each other by the same principles honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern states dividual citizens of all modern states in their relations with one another; to the end that all promises and cove-nants may be sacredly observed, no nants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracy hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with im-punity, and a mutual trust established upon the handsome foundation of a mutual respect for their

mutual respect for right.

"4. The establishment of an organization for peace which shall make it certain a combined power of free na-tions will check every invasion of right and serve to take peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amigably served more by be amicably agreed upon by the peo-ples directly concerned, shall be sanc-

SIX KILLED, FIFTEEN
INJURED, IN AIR RAID
Paris, Sept. 17.—(Havas.)—
Six persons were killed and fitteen others were injured in
Sunday night's air raid over
Paris, according to the lists

Paris, according to the lists given by the newspapers today.